Code of Conduct Policy

The Wauwatosa Public Library (WPL) has a code of conduct policy in order to provide a safe and pleasant environment for its patrons. This policy is applicable to all WPL property.

Each patron has a responsibility to ensure WPL is a welcoming environment for all.

Examples of disruptive or unacceptable behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- All illegal activities
- Possessing any weapons
- Damaging, misusing, or stealing WPL materials, equipment, or facilities
- Possessing drug paraphernalia, alcohol, or controlled substances or being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances
- Using tobacco or electronic smoking devices
- Open flames
- Behaving in a disruptive, disorderly, boisterous, or loud manner
- Harassing or threatening another person
- Soliciting commercial goods or services in WPL
- Loitering or impeding WPL access for others
- Prolonged sleeping
- Eating and drinking in prohibited areas
- Personal hygiene which disrupts others from using WPL facilities, collections, or services
- Failure to properly dispose of all trash or to remove all traces of food and drink
- Not wearing shirts or shoes
- Using skateboards, scooters, rollerblades, or similar items
- Pets, except service animals
- Entering an unauthorized area

Code of Conduct violations may result in temporary removal or ban from WPL.

Banned individuals may request a hearing before the Library Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

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